(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Railway Commercial Manuals Regarding Facilities of Passengers at Stations

3072. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether facilities for passengers at stations as provided in Railway commercial manuals are being followed;

(b) if so, the positions in that regard to the stations in Maharashtra; and

(c) the steps taken proposed to be taken to ensure compliance of these instructions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c). The passenger amenities to be provided at stations are listed in the Commercial Code and are provided as per norms laid down subject to availability of funds and comparative needs of various stations. Basic amenities have been provided at all stations including in the state of Maharashtra. Augmentation/upgradation of the amenities is a continuous process.

Result of CBSE

3073. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA: Will the MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the result of the vocational course in General Insurance introduced by CBSE ar 10+2 level has since been declared;

(b) if so, whether the successful candidates now required to undergo apprenticeship training for one year;

(c) if so, the time by which their apprenticeship training is likely to start and the centres (their locations) where such training will be imported; and

(d) the amount of stipend proposed to be given to them?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Selection process of the Apprentice Assistants is already completed. The training is scheduled to have started in November, 1991. Training will be given in the Regional/Divisional/Branch offices of the subsidiary companies at Delhi, Chandigarh, Bombay, Madras and Calcutta.

(d) Rs. 1,000/- per month.

[*Translation*]

No-Smoking Zone

3074. SHRI DAU DAYAL JOSHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to declare certain areas as no smoking zone; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b). Administrative instructions have already been issued to prohibit smoking, to start with, in a few selected public places namely hospitals, dispensaries and other health care establishments, educational institutions, conference rooms, domestic air flights, air conditional charrcars and air conditional sleeper coaches

in trains, sub-urban trains and air conditioned buses.

New Train for Delhi-Kanpur

3075. SHRI KESHRI LAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of express/superfast trains running from Delhi via Kanpur at present;

(b) the number of trains which run only between Delhi-Kanpur;

(c) whether the Government propose to introduce any new train on the route;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) 21, Sir.

(b) Nil.

(c) No proposal at present.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Operational constraints and lack of resources.

Losses in Vayudoot and its air links in Gujarat

[*English*]

3076. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to link various airports of Gujarat with the Vayudoot Service;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Vayudoot is running in loss at present;

(d) if so, the details of losses during each month from January 1, 1990 to October 31,1991; and

(e) the reasons for the losses?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e). The accumulated losses of Vayudoot upto 31st March,1991 are estimated to be of the order of Rs. 128.00 crores. At present, Vayudoot is incurring losses @ Rs. 2.70 crores per month approximately. The main reasons for the losses are Short-haul nature of the operations, obsolete and uneconomic fleet and unremunerative fare structure.

Restoration of Train Between Mughalsarai and Patna

3077. SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAY be pleased to state:

(a) whether some passenger trains have been cancelled between Mughalsarai and Patna;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) the names of such trains;

(d) whether the Government propose to restart these trains;